

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION**

**JILL DILLARD, JESSA SEAWALD,
JINGER VUOLO, and JOY DUGGAR**

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

NO. 17-CV-05089-TLB

**CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS;
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS;
KATHY O'KELLEY, in her individual
and official capacities;
RICK HOYT, in his individual and official capacities;
STEVE ZEGA, in his official capacity;
BAUER PUBLISHING COMPANY, L.P.;
BAUER MAGAZINE L.P.;
BAUER MEDIA GROUP, L.P.;
BAUER, INC.;
HENRICH BAUER NORTH AMERICA, INC.;
BAUER MEDIA GROUP USA, LLC; and
DOES 1-10, inclusive**

DEFENDANTS

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY TO
PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS'
MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS**

Come now the Defendants, and for their motion for leave to file a reply, state:

1. The Defendants' filed their Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings (Doc. No. 134) and supporting brief (Doc. No. 135) on October 5, 2021.

2. The Plaintiffs' filed a response in opposition to the Defendants Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings (Doc. No. 148) on October 19, 2021.

3. Because of the importance of the issues, the Defendants would like to reply to Plaintiff's response and therefore request leave to file their reply brief attached as Exhibit 1. Regrettably, the undersigned counsel, Jason Owens, got the proverbial cart before the horse and filed the reply electronically yesterday, failing to recognize the need to seek leave at that time. This was the result of inadvertence on counsel's part, who sincerely apologizes to the Court and counsel for any inconvenience.

4. The Defendants would respectfully ask the Court for leave to file the reply currently docketed at Doc. No. 162. The reply consists entirely of argument and, thus, will not

prejudice any party.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant them leave to file the reply brief currently docketed at Doc. No. 162.

Respectfully submitted,
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